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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

KINGSTON AUXILIARY

OF THE LONDON

RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY,

FOR 1849.

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REV. K. M. FENWICK,
REV. R. BURNS.

HOME CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

REV. R. V. ROGERS.

HOME RECORDING SECTETARIES:

DOUGLASS PRENTISS,
JOHN TAYLOR.

TREASURER:

JOHN MOWAT.

DEPOSITARY:

GEORGE HARDY.

COMMITTEE:

MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THIS SOCIETY.

JOHN COUNTER,
CAPT. SOUTH, 20th Regt.,
CAPT. DESBOROUGH, R. A.,
DR. MAIR,
LIEUT. WILSON,
A. PRINGLE,
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GEORGE MARRIOTT,
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DOUGLASS PRENTISS,
CHARLES HALES,
GEORGE HARDY,
JOHN TAYLOR.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of the "Kingston Auxiliary to the London Religious Tract Society" was held in the City Hall, on Wednesday evening the 16th January, 1850. John Counter, Esq., was elected to the Chair.

After the offering of prayer by the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, and an address from the Chair, the Rev. R. Burns read the Report of the proceedings of the Society for the past year.

It was then moved by the Rev. A. Lorimer, and seconded by Alexander Pringle, Esq.

1. *Resolved*—That the Report now read be adopted, printed and published, under the direction of the Committee.

Moved by the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, seconded by Neil McLeod, Esq.

2. *Resolved*—That whilst the success which has attended the efforts of this Society for the last year, calls for devout gratitude to God, the faithfulness of the Divine character, and the prospect of future usefulness should urge to increased devotion and zeal in promoting the objects of the institution.

Moved by Dr. Mair, seconded by John Mowat, Esq.,

3. *Resolved*—While we rejoice in the continued prosperity of the Parent Society, its generous conduct towards us as an Auxiliary, demands our gratitude.

Moved by the Rev. J. B. Mowat, seconded by the Rev. Professor Romanes,

4. *Resolvvd*—That special thanks are due to those ladies and gentlemen who have been engaged in the onerous work of Tract circulation in this City and neighborhood during the past year.

Moved by the Rev. Professor Williamson, seconded by C. Hales, Esq.,

5. *Resolved*—That the words "who are members of this Society," be inserted in the 9th Article of the Constitution, and the following Ministers and gentlemen be the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year :—

COMMITTEE:

John Counter,
Capt. South, 20th Regt.
Capt. Desborough, R. A.
Dr. Mair,
Lieut. Wilson,
A. Pringle,
William Ferguson,
John Mowat,
James Stewart,
George Brown,
George Davidson,
Robert McCammon,
Neil McLeod,
Thomas Masson,
John Patterson,
William Anglin,
Daniel McLeod,
William Massie,
Griffith Davies,
George Mariott,
William Holgate,
Douglass Prentiss,
Charles Hales,
George Hardy,
John Taylor.

Foreign Corresponding Secretaries—The Rev. K. M. FENWICK, the Rev. R. BURNS.

Home Corresponding Secretary—The Rev. R. V. ROGERS.

Home Recording Secretaries—DOUGLASS PRENTISS, JOHN TAYLOR.

Treasurer—JOHN MOWAT.

Depositary—GEORGE HARDY.

Moved by William Ferguson, Esq., seconded by Lieut. Wilson,

6. *Resolved*—That the thanks of this meeting are due to the Mayor and City Council for their kindness in granting the City Hall for the present Meeting.

The Chairman here left the Chair, and Professor Williamson was called to take the same.

Moved by Dr Dixon, seconded by Capt. Desborough,

7. *Resolved*—That the cordial thanks of this meeting be presented to John Counter, Esq., for presiding on the present occasion.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. A. Lorimer.

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
AUXILIARY RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY
OF KINGSTON.

I. The object, Constitution, and Proceedings of the Religious Tract Society in London, continuing to have the cordial approbation of the Society in Kingston, it shall bear its former name, "The Auxiliary Religious Tract Society of Kingston."

II. Its object shall be the promoting of the circulation of Religious Tracts, and the aiding of the funds of the Religious Tract Society in London.

III. The Tracts to be circulated by it, to be those published by the Religious Tract Society in London.

IV. One fourth of the funds shall be annually transmitted to the Parent Institution.

V. Each subscriber shall be entitled to receive, *gratis*, Tracts to the amount of one-half of his annual or other subscriptions or donations.

VI. Each Annual Subscriber of *Five Shillings* and upwards, shall be a Member.

VII. Each Subscriber of *Five Pounds* at one time, shall be a Member for life.

VIII. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a Committee, consisting of *Fifteen Members* or upwards, together with a Treasurer and Secretary, or Secretaries, who shall be chosen at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, and that *Five Members* of the Committee constitute a quorum.

IX. That all the Protestant Ministers of the City who are Members of this Society, shall be ex-efficio Members of the Committee.

X. The Committee shall appoint a Depositary and Collectors, who shall pay the amount of the receipts to the Treasurer, when required.

XI. The Committee shall meet once every three months, or oftener, if required.

XII. A General Meeting of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday of January in each year, when the proceedings of the past year shall be stated, a new Committee appointed, and a Report agreed upon, to be printed under the direction of the Committee.

XIII. All Meetings of this Society shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

REPORT.

"THE Lord's voice crieth unto the city." So it has been in the year of your Society's history now terminated.

This has invested it with an air of special solemnity, and rendered the retrospect suggestive of varied reflections. "I looked, and behold a pale horse, and his name that sat on him was DEATH." The appalling vision which met the bewildered eye of the Patmos seer has found its counterpart in that mysterious malady which, during the bygone season, has been "walking in darkness" in the midst of us, imprinting awe on the human countenance, and impotence on the efforts of human skill.

"Has there been evil in the city, and the Lord hath not done it?" And hath not the Lord done it on account of the evil which His eye beheld? He hath "set our iniquities before Him, our secret sins in the light of His countenance"—therefore have we been "consumed by His anger, and by His wrath have we been troubled."

Your Committee, in presenting this their accustomed Report, feel called upon to humble themselves under the mighty hand of God, in connection with the recent visitation, and to "sacrifice to Him with the voice of thanksgiving" for the deliverance He has been pleased to vouchsafe; while, at the same time, they would desire to evince the sincerity at once of their grief and their gratitude, by a course of greater diligence and growing devotedness.

Your Committee deem it not necessary to refer to the character and claims of the important institution they are honored to represent; regarding these as already fully apprehended and appreciated by the community generally.

They have pleasure in reporting that the operations of this Auxiliary during the past year (though not distinguished by any features peculiarly marked), nevertheless exhibit no falling off in vigor or efficiency.

The machinery erected two years ago for securing a systematic distribution of Tracts in the city and neighborhood has continued, on the whole, complete in its equipment, and regular in its movements. Through its instrumentality, thousands of these silent messengers have been showered around us, like the softly falling snow-flakes, or the "small rain upon the tender herb"; and they have reason to hope that "as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater," so may the Word be of which *these* have been the vehicle.

Upwards of *forty* have been employed in this work of faith and labor of love. Weekly or fortnightly have they gone their rounds in this self-denying walk of usefulness. Sometimes they have met with rebuffs; generally with civility; often with friendly greetings and fervent gratitude. Reports have been sent in quarterly, either by the distributors themselves, or the Superintendents of districts. Taking a conjunct view of these, your Committee feel warranted in affirming that the influence exerted by your Society, both directly and indirectly, is highly beneficial; and that the interest it excites continues to grow with its growth and to strengthen with its strength.

Your Committee have much satisfaction in alluding to the fact that since the last Report was presented, the benefits of the Society have been extended to a class of our population "who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness." Amongst the members of this degraded section of the community your agents and publications have been warmly welcomed. An intelligent distributor, however, has feelingly and forcibly remarked with reference to this department of your Society's operations:—"The miserable, helpless, and undone condition of many of

these unfortunates is of itself a great hindrance to the good which the circulation of religious Tracts might otherwise produce. The degradation of their present state renders a change for the better an impossibility to most of them. They are, for the most part, friendless, and hope seems driven from them. Society's outcasts, they have no refuge to which they may turn."

Your Committee regard it not as travelling beyond their province, cordially to endorse the recommendation tendered by two of their number, that a combined effort should be made to rescue these moral wrecks from the sucking sweep of the fearful whirlpool into which they have been drawn—"either by obtaining an asylum, or procuring for them employment in the country," so as to put them in a position where they may be brought back to virtue's path, and within society's pale.

A circulation has been commenced, and successfully carried on amongst the SAILORS who frequent our Port. "By none are the Tracts more anxiously received," writes one of the Distributors, "than by the poor Seaman. When I go aboard of their vessels on Sabbath morning, I find them generally all in their little cabins, seated together. I most invariably get a welcome reception. Each must have a Tract, and generally accompanied with the promise 'I will take this home.' It is really quite a pleasing task to go amongst them."

We have also had our laborer in the *Market Place*, "not standing all the day idle," but actively engaged in the work of distribution amongst the farmers and others from the country. Thus has "bread been cast upon the waters" that may be borne on their bosom to distant settlements, and "found after many days."

The *Provincial Agricultural Exhibition* which took place in our city in the month of September, opened up a "great door and effectual," of which your Committee were not loath to take advantage. Two Distributors were employed during the three days that it lasted, and a circulation to the extent of several thousand pages was effected.

Your Committee would not feel warranted to speak with con-

fidence in regard to any actual *conversions* having resulted during the year from the operations of the Society. Cases have, however, been brought under their notice which have begotten them to a lively hope, and led them to "thank God and take courage." Take the following as a sample. A Distributor states that he was lately accosted by a woman, who mentioned to him that she had seen two or three persons shedding tears over the Tracts which he left, while engaged in reading them. One of these persons, at his urgent request, united herself to a body of Christians, and shortly after died in a most satisfactory frame of mind. During her illness, she often expressed her gratitude for having ever received these little messengers, and he feels confident that her happy end was mainly attributable to a Tract, as the means of awakening her to her lost state by nature.

The influence which the Tracts have exerted in laying the axe to that prolific "root of all evil," *Intemperance*, is amply attested. A female friend mentions that "a woman whom she found in a state of intoxication has reformed in consequence (she has reason to believe) of some Temperance Tracts which she occasionally left; and that the house and children, which were generally extremely dirty, have much improved for the better."

Another states—"In some instances the intemperate have been made to feel their wretchedness, and in the words of one man, to shed many a tear over the Tract, and in the profession of another, to have given up entirely the use of intoxicating drink."

The crying sin of *Sabbath Breaking*, too, has in some measure been checked. One of the Distributors remarks that "he has observed on going his rounds that there is less Sabbath desecration than formerly. He gave a man whom he found chopping wood upon the Lord's Day a Tract against Sabbath breaking. The man understood his object, and he has never seen him so employed since." Through the earnest representations of one of your most zealous Superintendents, one or two indivi-

duals have been induced to give up trading on the day of rest.

Your Committee would avail themselves of this opportunity to press on the Christian community of Kingston the necessity that is laid upon them to adopt measures in order to arrest the progress of this monster sin, either by the organization of a Sabbath Reformation Society, or by some kindred system of united effort which may secure the more strict enforcement of a Law, whose origin is divine, and whose observance is at once man's duty and interest.

Notwithstanding the lynx-eyed vigilance of their spiritual overseers, not a few of the members of the Roman Catholic persuasion have been in the regular receipt of Tracts, and have repeatedly expressed the pleasure and profit they have derived from their perusal.

A "true yokefellow" (of whose valuable services we have been recently deprived) testifies that in his district "*nine* Romanist families receive them with pleasure, and read them generally with interest—five of them Irish and four French. One of the last solicited them when passed by. Another declares—"Two families of the Roman Catholic Religion have been induced to receive Tracts, and to permit their children to attend a small Sunday School held by the Distributor."

Amongst none have the Tracts met with a readier reception than the *young*. "The children are delighted (writes one) with their little weekly visitors, and, we may hope, are acquiring a taste for religious and useful reading." During the past year *sixteen hundred* small books were obtained from the depository at Toronto, expressly for their benefit; and so great was the demand that a fresh supply had subsequently to be sent for from the head quarters in London. At a time when the "children of this world" are so unwearied in their efforts to plant their noxious "tares" on the susceptible soil of the youthful mind, it becomes not the "children of light" to be less lavish and laborious in scattering the only effectual counteractive, "the incorruptible seed."

Did the limits of this Report allow, your Committee would

feel delighted to furnish a synopsis of the operations of the *Parent Society* during the past year. They may simply state in a sentence, that these have been conducted on the same gigantic scale as hitherto, and that of them it may be appropriately said in the language of the sweet singer of Israel, "there is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard—their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." Amongst the myriad golden streams which have issued from this great Fountain-head, your humble Auxiliary has not been overlooked. Your Committee would be guilty of grievous ingratitude, did they not return their warmest acknowledgements for the generous grant to the amount of £20 Sterling, which they have again received.

But your Committee must draw their Report to a close.

In again reviewing the way by which they have been led since last Anniversary, they have every reason to erect their stone of remembrance, and to affix to it this inscription—"Ebenezer—Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

They would also give expression to their heart's desire and prayer in behalf of their successors in office, that they may receive wisdom and grace to thoroughly furnish them for running with increased patience and perseverance in a path of duty which the finger of God has chalked out, and on which they feel assured the "light of His countenance" shines. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men; and let us not be weary in well-doing, for, in due season, we shall reap if we faint not."

DEPOSITARY'S REPORT.

Issued from the Depository of the Kingston Auxiliary Tract Society from the 7th January, 1849, to the 7th January, 1850:

Issued for gratuitous distribution at Provincial Fair, . . .	29,700	pages of	Tracts.
Issued gratis to subscribers and House of Industry, . .	3,644	"	"
Issued for loaning, market distribution and City Mission, . .	144,220	"	"
Sold, ...	7,122	"	"
Total Issue of Tracts, . .	184,686	"	"

Books for the young, 4 pages 32 mo, gratis, ...	2,334
Number of Books sold, . .	2,222
Total issue of Books, . .	4,556

GEORGE HARDY,
Depositary.

Dr. *Kingston Auxiliary to the London Religious Tract Society in account with the Treasurer.* **Cr.**

1849.					1849.				
January	15	To paid Secretary's order to C. H. Linter, (for last year),	£ 0	8	9	January	15	By amount of Cash on hand,	£50 12 11½
								" Donation from Rev. Mr. Lorimer,	0 5 0
	25	To paid Secretary's order, 6 lbs. sperm candles,	0	18	0		18	" Collection Anniversary Meeting,	5 6 10
							27	" Sales of books and tracts, pr Mr Hardy,	3 4 11
	30	" Sterling bill £67.	81	17	9			" Collections by Mr. Holgate,	4 11 3
Feb'ry	23	" Secretary's order to D. Christie,	0	13	4		29	" " by George Davidson,	3 1 3
April	24	" " " J. Rowlands,	0	6	0			" " by James Stewart,	5 3 7
June	30	" " " C. H. Linter,	0	8	9			" " by Capt. Hammond,	10 3 4
		" Sterling bill, £19 12s. 2d.	23	19	3	Feb'ry	12	" " by G. Davies and D. Dick,	6 16 11½
August	20	" Geo. Hardy, freight of books and postage,	1	8	4			" " by J. Stewart, additional,	0 6 4
							15	" " by R. McCammon and Matthews,	3 4 6½
		" Secretary, order *Argus* Office,	0	3	9				
Sept'r.	27	" " R. Lindsay,	0	5	0		16	" " by do. do.	0 1 3
October	23	" Insurance, per G. Hardy,	1	3	9		19	" " by McLeod and Hales,	10 15 0
	31	" J. Rowlands for Printing Report,	6	6	3	March	20	" Sales of books and tracts by Mr Hardy,	5 8 0
Nov'br.	19	" Mr Lawson, per order committee,	0	7	6		21	" Collection by Mr. Davies,	0 5 0
Dec.	18	" W. Ferguson, " "	2	9	10			" " by R. McCammon, ad'l	0 1 10½
	24	" C. H. Linter, " "	0	7	6	June	1	" Donation by Rev. J. B. Mowat,	1 0 0
1850.						August	20	" Sales of books and tracts pr Mr Hardy,	16 4 5
January	10	" George Hardy, for rent of Depository for the year ending 31st December, 1849,	20	0	0		31	" Donation by Mr. H. Fraser,	0 5 0
								" Collection by Mrs. Cartwright,	3 6 10½
		Balance on hand,	20	15	6	Nov'ber	5	" Donation by a servant girl, Lot 24,	0 1 3
							19	" " from Glenburnie,	0 0 6
						Dec.	13	" Sales of books and tracts pr Mr Hardy,	10 8 7½
							17	" Collections by R. McCammon, add'tl	0 3 9
							18	" Donation by Rev. Mr Lorimer,	0 5 0
						1850.]	24	" Collection by Mr McLeod and Hales,	1 5 0
						January	7	" Sales of books and tracts pr Mr Hardy,	19 10 9
			£161	19	3				£161 19 3

Examined and found correct, D. Prentiss, J. Taylor, } *Auditors.*

JOHN MOWAT,
Treasurer.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF THE KINGSTON AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETY, FOR THE YEAR 1849.

Capt. Hammond, R. B.	£2	10	0
Lieut. Newdigate, R. B.	1	10	0
F. M. Hill,	1	5	0
Wm. Ferguson,	1	5	0
John Counter,	1	5	0
Mrs. Miller,	1	5	0
Mrs. Hamilton,	1	5	0
Baroness De Longueuil,	1	5	0
Rev. Doctor Machar,	1	0	0
Rev. J. B, Mowat,	1	0	0
George Hardy,	1	0	0
Lieut. Baird, R. B.,	1	0	0
Rev. R. V. Burns,	0	15	0
J. Macpherson,	0	12	6
A. Pringle,	0	12	6
Mrs. R. Cartwright,	0	12	6
J. Marks,	0	10	2
Doctor Fraser,	0	10	2
A. McKay,	0	10	0
Mr. Henderson,	0	10	0
Capt. South,	0	10	0
Doctor Mair,	0	10	0
Neil McLeod,	0	10	0
Mrs. Kirkpatrick,	0	10	0
Rev. Professor Williamson,	0	10	0
Rev. A. Lorrimer,	0	10	0
Rev. R. M. Fenwick,	0	10	0
E. H. Hardy,	0	7	6
Mrs. Phipps,	0	5	0
H. Fraser,	0	5	0
Lieut. Wilson,	0	5	1
Lieut. Tryon, R. B.	0	5	0
Lieut. Walker,	0	5	0
Mrs. Wilkinson,	0	5	1
Mr. Riecalton,	0	5	1
Mr. Pearce,	0	5	0
Mrs. McLeod,	0	5	0
Mr. Parke,	0	5	0
Mrs. Masson,	0	5	0
William Dunn,	0	5	0
Mrs. Atkinson,	0	5	0
George Davidson,	0	5	0
M. A. Orme,	0	5	0
J. Harvey,	0	5	0
James Bruce,	0	5	0
Thomas Macutchin,	0	5	0
Griffith Davies,	0	5	0
George Marriott,	0	5	0
E. Willmott,	0	5	0
Charles Heath,	0	5	0
Mrs. Cridiford,	0	5	0
Andrew Hardy,	0	5	0
John Mowat,	0	5	0
Douglas Prentiss,	0	5	0
James Sweetland,	0	5	0
Robert Matthews,	0	5	0
Robert McCammon,	0	5	0
J. Taylor,	0	5	0
Mr. Benson,	0	5	0
Mr. Quiggin,	0	5	0
Kenneth McKenzie,	0	5	0
W. M. Strong,	0	5	0
Mrs. Gurley,	0	2	6
Mrs. Twining,	0	2	6
Miss Medley,	0	2	6
Mrs. M. Strachan,	0	2	6½
Mr. Tracy,	0	2	6
Mr. Ramsay,	0	2	6
Mr. Dawson,	0	2	6
Mr. Erford,	0	2	6
Mr. Manton,	0	2	6
Mr. Belwa,	0	2	6
Mr. Furnival,	0	2	6
Mr Sawyers,	0	2	6
Mr. Richardson,	0	3	9
Mr. Beggs,	0	2	6
Lieut. Davies, R. N.	0	2	6½
Mr. Robertson,	0	2	6
Mr. Wood,	0	2	6
Mrs. Oliver,	0	2	6
Mr. Meadows,	0	2	6
Wm. Johnston,	0	2	6
Dr. Baker,	0	2	6
D. McLeod,	0	2	6
Mrs. Wilson,	0	2	6
William Donaldson,	0	2	6
Mrs. Massie,	0	2	6
R. M. C.	0	2	6
C. U. J.	0	2	6
I. J. H.	0	2	6
A friend, 2s. 6d.: a friend 2s. 6d.	0	5	0
J. Claxton,	0	2	6
W. McCracken,	0	2	6
Cash 2s. 6d.: a friend, 2s. 6d.,	0	5	0
Samuel Chown,	0	2	6½
A friend 2s. 6d.: cash 2s. 6d.,	0	5	0
Thomas Deykes,	0	2	6
Mr. Bradley,	0	2	6
E. Chown, & Co.	0	2	6
Mrs. Penney,	0	2	6
James Williams,	0	2	6
Mr. Moore,	0	2	6
Mr. E. Horsey,	0	2	6
Mrs. McDonald,	0	2	6
Stephen Bourne,	0	2	6
Richard Taylor,	0	2	6
Mrs. Haynes,	0	2	6
Mrs. W. Breden,	0	2	6
Cash,	0	2	6
Mrs. John McPherson,	0	2	6

Capt. Patterson,	0	2	6
James Morton,	0	2	6
Mrs. Angel,	0	2	6½
Cash 2s. 6d. : a friend 2s. 6d.	0	5	0
D. C.	0	2	6
Mr. Spence,	0	3	0
G. S. Mowat,	0	2	6
Mr. Howe,	0	2	6
A friend, 2s. 6d. : cash 2s. 6d.	0	5	0
Amount of collections in sums less than 2s. 6d.	10	15	3
Taken up at Anniversary meeting, Jan. 17th, 1849,	5	6	10
Total amount collected,	£56	9	7